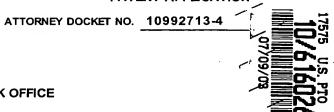
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## Inv ntorship Statem nt

Delete the following named individuals as inventors in this application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.53(b) as a result of a change in the claimed subject matter:

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Recognize as Associate Attorney or Agent

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- ( ) authorization is hereby granted by signature below of the Attorney or Agent of record
- ( ) the Associate Attorney or Agent may not have the authority to appoint other Attorneys or Agents

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### Other Amendments

- (X) Before calculating the filing fee, amend the prior application as follows:
  - (X) Cancel the following claims 1-23 and 28-34 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes).
  - (X) Enter the enclosed Preliminary Amendment.

#### Fee Calculation

(X) The filing fee is calculated below for (X) Utility ( ) Design

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to Deposit Account 08-2025. At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any over payment to Deposit Account 08-2025 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25. Additionally please charge any fees to Deposit Account 08-2025 under 37 CFR 1.16 through 1.21 inclusive, and any other sections in Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations that may regulate fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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